



Fairfield Weekly

August 30, 2021

Quality of Life -

Homeless Services and Mission Samoa Pallet Emergency Shelter Continues Progress

Last week, at the request of Homeless Services, Pallet hosted a demonstration of their Emergency Shelter at Mission Samoa. Staff from Homeless Services, Building, Planning, Fire and Communications were in attendance to look at the potential 24-bed emergency shelter project and offer any questions, comments, or concerns about the shelter.



Staff continues to work with Mission Samoa, who is working with an architect to develop plans and an application for a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed Emergency Shelter Pallet Project (Project HELP) at their Western Street location. Homeless Services staff hopes to bring this project to City Council for approval in October.

Regional 2x2 Homeless Subcommittee and Working Group Continues to Expand

The City of Vallejo is the latest to join the regional efforts by local elected officials to permanently reduce homelessness through collaboration across city boundaries. Last week, Vallejo Mayor Robert McConnell appointed Vice-Mayor Rozzana Verder-Aliga and Councilmember Katy Meissner, with unanimous support of the Vallejo City Council, to the Regional 2x2 Homeless Subcommittee, led by the City of Fairfield. Members of this coalition now include the cities of Vacaville, Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vallejo, and the current initiatives include creating a regional navigation center program and follow-up permanent supportive housing.

Homeless Services to Apply for Latest Round of State Emergency Solutions Grant Funding

On August 17, 2021, the California Department of Housing and Community Development through the Department of Housing and Community Development Division released the latest round of Emergency Solutions Grant program (ESG) for regional continuums of care. ESG provides funds for a variety of activities to address homelessness, including: to engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; help operate and provide





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essential services in emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; and prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless.

Homeless Services has spearheaded the procurement and grant application process for this funding the last two years and secured \$601,382 in ESG funding and an additional \$3.5 million in ESG-CV funding to address homelessness in Solano County, and more specifically, in Fairfield. This year, Homeless Services and the City of Vacaville will collaborate in advancing Community Action Partnership Solano, Joint Powers Authority efforts in securing \$242,642 in available funding to Solano County.

Parks & Recreation - Back to School

The Fairfield Suisun Unified School District is back in session, which means that the Parks & Recreation Department is back on campus offering after school care for students throughout the City. The programs operate on a dozen campus and provide a safe and enriching space for students between the hours of 2:00 – 6:00 pm. Students in grades 1 – 8 can attend the programs which include daily physical activities, homework assistance and daily art or science projects.

Programs are currently full, but those interested can call (707) 428-7435 or email classes@fairfield.ca.gov for more information or to be placed on waitlist.



Adopt-A-Street

Thank you to the following groups for renewing Adopt A Street contracts and for your ongoing participation: Steven Edmundson of Gold Ridge Neighbors (Walters Road and Noonan Lane); Mike Lobusta of the Lobusta Family (Suisun Valley Road); Tony Wade (Davis Drive); and Pastor Chris Estay of Fairfield Community Seventh Day Adventist Church (two sections of East Tabor Avenue). And a special thank you to Kam Holzendorf and Krew, and Ana Petero & Ruth Clawson and Crew, for your regular cleanups! You all go above and beyond!

Contact Program Coordinator Karen Rees at krees@fairfield.ca.gov or call (707) 428-7767 if you are interested in adopting a street.

#KeepingFairfieldBeautiful #AdoptAStreet





Public Safety -

Reduce crime and fear of crime

On August 19, the city's Flock camera system detected a stolen vehicle within the city. Patrol officers located the vehicle near Travis Boulevard and arrested the driver and passenger. Upon searching the passenger, officers located a loaded concealed handgun. Both subjects were arrested for theft and weapons related charges.



On August 21, officers responded to the 1000 block of Buchanan Street on a report of a gunshot being fired during a dispute. Upon entering the home, officers learned that a resident had fired a gun into a wall. While investigating, it was discovered that a dependent elderly resident was being neglected. A search warrant was executed and over 120 firearms were seized. Inspecting these weapons, several were found to be illegal assault weapons.

In the early morning hours on August 25, Officer Brightwell was dispatched to the Valero gas station, located in the 1700 block of West Texas Street. The call was regarding a subject who had been parked next to a gas pump for several hours. When Officer Brightwell arrived, he determined the individual was possibly under the influence of a controlled substance and placed him under arrest. A search of the vehicle yielded an AR15 style pistol with a loaded magazine, along with suspected narcotics.



On August 24, patrol officers responded to an assault with a deadly weapon call in the 1000 block of Johnson Street. The call ended up being a hoax "SWATing" incident with no crime at the address. Officers are attempting to identify the caller, so he can be arrested.

Also, on August 24, patrol responded to a robbery on the Linear Trail Park to the rear of the 1500 block of Minnesota Street. Officers were already on scene doing security checks of the Linear Trail Park and quickly apprehended three suspects in possession of the victim's property. Two juveniles were cited to their parents and an adult was booked in the county jail.

Reduce Homelessness

Officers have been proactively patrolling Lee Bell Park, Masonic Lodge, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and removing those there at night. Officers have contacted numerous individuals and are working on getting better signage up in the parking lot area of the park.



Public Safety Continued -

Fire Prevention

The Fairfield Fire Prevention Bureau is committed to reducing the risk of fire in our city and surrounding communities each fire season. Fire hazards exist when overgrown weeds, brush, or trimmings are adjacent to, or could potentially threaten, structures such as dwellings, barns, storage buildings, or stored vehicles. One way we minimize these hazards is through our annual weed abatement and vegetation management program. The corresponding pictures were taken recently from Dickson Hill behind Fire Station 41 (N. Texas), highlighting the amazing efforts and hard work performed by our weed abatement contractor Anselmo. These efforts and hard work ensure surrounding neighborhoods consistently meet our weed abatement & vegetation management standards. Fire season and fire prevention both run year-round.



Fire Department Staffing News

Anjurle Duchaussee has over 20 years of administrative support experience, with most of that time spent in local government. After serving as an administrative supervisor in the Social Services Department at Marin County for four years, she decided to leave the position to pursue work closer to home. Excited by the opportunity to work directly with the City's EOC operations and newly established Prevention Bureau, Anjurle began in a part-time capacity with the Fairfield Fire Department in June 2019. Anjurle has become a valued asset to this organization and has accepted the full-time position of Administration Technician II beginning on September 10th.



Community Development –

Phillip Glashoff Donation

In July, Phillip Glashoff reached out to the City of Fairfield to donate artwork from his collection to the City. He invited staff to his Sculpture Ranch along Suisun Valley Road in Northwest Fairfield to identify pieces to contribute to the Art in Public Spaces Program. Staff compiled a portfolio of pictures taken at the ranch and are scheduling an internal meeting among Community Development, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation Department staff to discuss storage, logistics, implementation, and maintenance of the artwork.



Planning Commission meeting of August 25, 2021

At its meeting on Wednesday, the Planning Commission unanimously approved the Fairfield Industrial project. Fairfield industrial is a proposed 204,000 square foot speculative industrial building between Guittard Chocolate and Sutter's medical offices along Chadbourne Road.

Building Safety Division

This week the Building Safety Division is providing an update on the permit and construction status of the new 7,417 sq. ft. kitchen and dining hall at 300 Beck Avenue by Shelter Inc. This will be a very beneficial project for the community, as it will be providing meals for those in need. Therefore, it has been a priority for the Building Safety Division and other departments to facilitate the issuance of this project. The project was submitted on December 8, 2020, and unfortunately, it has had many design challenges along the way.



The initial submittal was lacking many necessary items to perform a complete review. After our initial review, it took the applicant three months to resubmit their first set of revised drawings. The Building Safety Division reviewed the revised plans within one week after resubmittal. However, there was still a large amount of information missing, including all the structural calculations. It took the applicant another five weeks to resubmit revised drawings, and the Division again reviewed them within one week of resubmittal.

The applicant's third submittal was much more complete; however, significant items were still unresolved with the mechanical system, and the roof system's structural calculations were still missing. It took the applicant another two months to resubmit revised plans. Unfortunately, the resubmittal still has a few major unanswered questions, including many structural design changes that were not part of previous plan versions, and further detailing is necessary. The Division recently completed this fourth review on August 25,



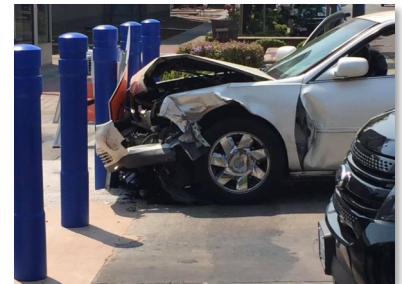
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Throughout this project, the Building Safety Division has worked with the applicant far beyond what is necessary for most projects. They have had many meetings, phone calls, and emails back and forth with the applicant and their design team to work through the challenges with this project and help facilitate a path forward for a successful project. In addition, in the interest of moving this project forward, the Building Safety Division has worked with the applicant and contractor to issue partial permits to facilitate construction. To date, the Division has issued separate permits for grading, foundation-only, and a separate, underground plumbing permit. However, additional permits will not be submitted until the structural and life safety components have been corrected. The Division has again reached out to the applicant to recommend another meeting to go over the remaining items to get the information necessary to approve the plans and allow further construction.

Infrastructure -

Bollards Save Lives

Removable bollards ended up preventing a vehicle from striking attendees of Fairfield's Tomato & Vine Festival on August 22. The cause of the collision remains under investigation. The bollards were set up by the Public Works Department as part of a citywide safety project, in which the barriers will be installed during special events held on streets to keep attendees safe.

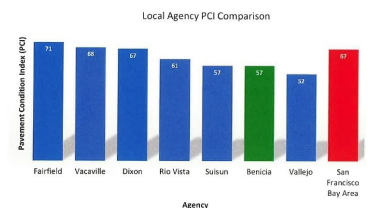


In February of 2021, Council authorized the purchase and installation of crash rated removable bollards to temporarily close sections of Texas Street for special events. As a part of the Heart of Fairfield plan, this capital project is intended to improve the experience at special events and provide a new way to activate the Texas Street corridor. The decorative steel bollards (with plastic covers) are approximately 6" in diameter, stand three-feet in height and are spaced 5-6 feet apart to form a secure perimeter.

They are designed to deter oncoming vehicles while still allowing pedestrians and bicyclists to pass. The bollards can be removed following the conclusion of the special event and cleanup crews can return the roadway to its pre-existing conditions. When not in use for a special event, the bollards are stored and secured along the side streets of Madison, Jackson, and Webster to allow for easy set-up and breakdown.

Citywide Pavement Condition Inspections

Starting in early September, the Public Works Department, and its consultant, NCE, are scheduled to complete a biennial pavement condition inspection. The City is able to complete the inspections through a grant awarded by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). This year's pavement inspections will focus on all publicly owned arterials, collectors, and residential streets within the City and will help staff update the city's pavement management database and provide accurate pavement conditions to inform future maintenance projects.



Each street pavement condition will be evaluated and rated on a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) scale ranging from 1 to 100. In 2019, Fairfield achieved an average PCI rating of 71, the highest rating of the cities within Solano County. The high PCI rating is due in large part to continued support from Measure P and gas tax funding.

Infrastructure -

Enclave Subdivision Development infrastructure requirements

The Public Works Department is currently reviewing the next phase of the Enclave Subdivision located along Red Top Road near Interstate 80. The developer is proposing the construction of 63 residential units. The completion of these 63 new homes 'trigger' the design and construction of two key improvements.



The first is the construction of a potable water pump station. Based on the subdivision improvement plans, the finished floor elevation of the new homes ranges from 80 to 120 feet. A new pump station is required to deliver adequate water pressure to homes built above 100-feet, also known as the zone 2 water system. The development agreement requires construction of this pump station prior to the issuance of the 70th building permit within zone 2 and currently the city has issued 17 building permits.

Evacuation Planning Project Kick-Off

In coordination with the Fairfield Police Department, Public Works Engineering has hired a transportation consultant to assist with the development of evacuation maps intended to be accessible on the City's GIS webpage. The kick-off meeting was held this week with significant support from both the Police Department and IT/GIS section. The project consists of developing pre-mapped areas and routes to assist in providing instruction and guidance to all internal and external parties to facilitate more streamlined evacuation efforts.



The work will be coordinated with previous emergency planning efforts recently completed by the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MTC), the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative, and the nine Bay Area Department of Emergency Managements. The first draft deliverables are set to be submitted by mid-September for review.



Organizational Stability Continued -

Marketing & Outreach Division (MOD)

What to watch for on Channel 26!



Talk Around Town

MOD was in the studio producing two new episodes of Talk Around Town. Guests included Associate Engineer Caroline Vedder and Economic Development Division Manager Dwayne Dalman. Stay Tuned!



Tomato & Vine Highlights

Thanks to everyone who came out to our 29th Annual Tomato & Vine Festival! We can't wait to do it again next year.

Click on the pic to see the highlights!



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